



LGBTQIA+ Rainbow Commission Minutes

Date: Thursday, June 18, 2020

Time: 6:30 p.m.

Location: Zoom Video Conference Call

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Attendees: Commissioners Julia Forsythe (Chair), Andy Rubinson (Vice Chair), Lisa Krinsky, Brooks Harrelson, Helene Newberg, Maura Albert, Susan Ryan-Vollmar, Lenny Goldstein

Liaisons: Jillian Harvey - DEI, Marci Shapiro Ide - COA

Minutes

Meeting called to order at 6:31 p.m. HN assigned as minute-taker

1. Open Forum:

- a. We took a moment to discuss the Supreme Court decisions of the week affirming that Title VII of the Civil Rights act precludes employment discrimination on the basis of gender identity or sexual orientation.
- b. The Arlington Select Board read and approved this year's Pride Proclamation.

2. Consent Agenda:

- a. LK moved to approve the consent agenda, MA seconded, motion passed.
- 3. COVID 19: No update
- 4. Pride Planning:
 - a. Because COVID 19, Pride events in Arlington have gone virtual. Andy spearheaded a campaign that raised \$3500 for ten light pole banners, approved by the town, banners that will be displayed for part of June and probably July. The design incorporates inclusive colors of pride.
 - b. The Commission's Pride Gathering is also to be virtual, through Zoom, on Saturday, June 20, 2020 at 2:00 p.m., which notably overlaps with the more-recently-planned Black Student Union event that starts at noon.
- 5. Liaison & Partnerships:
 - a. JH presented the series of Community Conversations she is planning for the summer (<https://www.arlingtonma.gov/Home/Components/News/News/10288/16?blocklist=%2f>). The Rainbow Commission can support JH by helping to publicize through our social media (which SRV volunteered to take on) and participating. There will also be a roundtable meeting of the Humans, Disability, and Rainbow Commissions at some point. LK and JF volunteered to work with JH as representatives to a coalition addressing anti-bias training needs in the town. JH anticipates further work with police and the community, esp. around people of color, transgender activists, etc.
 - b. Might be time to secure a new Select Board liaison
- 6. Membership:
 - a. July 1, 2020 there will be a new Commissioner orientation (LK and AR facilitating); all Commissioners are welcome. Also, will look for opportunities to be more social and get to know one another a bit better.
- 7. Strategic Planning Committee: Looking to transition this committee, or the Commissioners, to current need. Commission's committee structure to be revisited.
- 8. Finance:
 - a. Budgets all passed Town Meeting this year as presented.

At 7:40 p.m., BH moved to adjourn, AR seconded. Meeting adjourned.

Next meeting July 16, 2020 6:30 p.m., through publicized Zoom video conference link.